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Secretary Salazar Announces \$1.18 Million in Economic Recovery Funding for Washington's Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery Project

Funding will be used to replace 14 pumps and motors and upgrade electrical system components at the Washington hatchery

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced today that the Department of the Interior has awarded a \$1.18 million award under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to replace electrical pumps, electrical switchgear and motor control centers at the Spring Creek NFH (where/list location).

The ARRA grant will be used by Northern Management Services (NMS) to replace six aeration pumps, four de-aeration pumps and four spring water pumps in order to provide process flows and improve efficiency at the hatchery. In addition, the company will replace service switchgear, transfer switching components, motor controller centers and pump motor control components.

“The work done by these fish hatcheries is critical to maintaining our continued commitment to environmental, tribal and commercial habitat and fishing concerns,” Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar said. “This project will greatly reduce energy use at the hatchery and provide quality jobs for local skilled tradesmen.”

NMS is an operations and maintenance contractor with a particularly strong history in electrical / mechanical design and repair.

“The existing pumps were installed in the early 1970s by the Corps of Engineers, have never been replaced and are now pushing 40 years-old,” Spring Creek NFH Project

Leader Larry Marchant said. “The new variable speed pumps greatly increase our energy efficiency, and the switchgear and motor control centers help provide protection and security. Ultimately, our increased productivity will benefit commercial, tribal and recreational fishermen.”

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act passed in 2009 gave \$3 billion to the Department of the Interior.

The ARRA funds are part of a stimulus package that is an important component of the President's plan to jumpstart the economy and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so the country can thrive in the 21st century. Under the ARRA, Interior is making an investment in conserving America's timeless treasures – our stunning natural landscapes, our monuments to liberty, the icons of our culture and heritage – while helping American families and their communities prosper again. Interior is also focusing on renewable energy projects, the needs of American Indians, employing youth and promoting community service.

“With its investments of Recovery Act funds, the Department of the Interior and its bureaus are putting people to work today to make improvements that will benefit the environment and the region for many years to come,” Salazar said.

Secretary Salazar has pledged unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability in the implementation of the Department's economic recovery projects. The public will be able to follow the progress of each project on www.recovery.gov and on www.interior.gov/recovery.

Secretary Salazar has appointed a Senior Advisor for Economic Recovery, Chris Henderson, and an Interior Economic Recovery Task Force to work closely with Interior's Inspector General to ensure the recovery program is meeting the high standards for accountability, responsibility, and transparency set by President Obama.

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